



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Roddi James SIMPSON et al.

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Examiner: Han, Mark K.

For: FIXED NEEDLE SYRINGE
WITH PROTECTIVE HOUSING

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Supplemental Response is filed in response to the Advisory Action dated June 15, 2006.

In particular, the examiner asserts: "Applicant's proposed amendment to the specification and claims suggesting that the annular space is compressed when the collar makes contact and the opening that allows viewing of a portion of a needle hub does not appear that the applicant had possession of the claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of filing."

With respect to the "annular space", it is submitted that such is clearly disclosed in the specification as filed. Specifically, Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8 each show clearly that there is a space 44 surrounding needle hub 10. The amendments to Figs. 5 and 8 only adds the designation 44 to those spaces. Moreover, paragraph 21 of the specification as originally filed states the following in its last sentence: "Also, with reference to Fig. 6, note that there